



## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Freeman et al. Attorney's Docket: 18276-2  
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For: Online Mortgage Application Processing and Tracking System

## PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.47

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sirs:

Applicants petition for acceptance of the Declaration signed by six of the ten named inventors. Four have not signed: Scott A. Buchanan, Kathleen L. McDivitt, Melinda Jones, and Gart Davis. Eight of the inventors have assigned their rights as inventors to the present owner and a copy of these assignments is enclosed. Acceptance of the Declaration is necessary to preserve the rights of the parties.

Mr. Gart Davis's current whereabouts are unknown. He is no longer employed by his previous employer and no one having the same name is located at his previous residence. A search of internet resources located two individuals listed under the name Gart Davis; however, phone calls to these two individuals were not returned.

Ms. Kathleen McDivitt's current whereabouts are unknown. She is no longer employed by her previous employer and no one having the same name is located at her previous residence. A

search of internet resources located no one listed under Kathleen McDivitt and no one listed under K McDivitt in Hawaii.

Similarly, Melinda D Jones is no longer employed by the owner of the application and is no longer living at her previous address. Her current address is unknown. Ms. Jones previously assigned her rights as a co-inventor to the owner of the present application.


Scott Buchanan's whereabouts are known. He refuses to sign unless he can review the application. However, he is no longer an employee but in fact works in a competing business. The owner of the present patent application refuses to allow him to review the patent application unless he first signs a confidential disclosure agreement. He refuses to sign the agreement. Thus the former employee/inventor and the owner of the application are at an impasse. Mr. Buchanan previously assigned his rights as inventor to the owner of the present application.

The owner of the present application is now actively using the present invention in its business and its level of business has increased significantly as a result.

The present invention owner therefore petitions the Patent and Trademark Office to accept the present application and pass it to prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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